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1. (LOU) WHILE ON A VISIT TO HIS EAST CENTRAL KINGSTON CONSTITUENCY APRIL 13. PRIME MINISTER MICHALE MANLEY CAME CLOSE TO THE KIND OF IOLENCE WHICH HAS MARKED THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IN JAMAICA IN RECENT WEEKS. (SEE KINGSTON 1938) PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER, SURROUNDED BY A LARGE GROUP OF HIS FOLLOWERS, WAS TOURING IN AN AREA OF HIS CONSTITUTENCY CLOSE TO AN OPPOSITION STRONGHOLD WHEN HIS PARTY WAS CONFRONTED BY A GROUP OF JAMAICA LABOUR PARTY (JLP) SUPPORTERS. AS THE TWO GROUPS ADVANCED TOWARDS EACH OTHER, SHOTS WERE FIRED AND BOTTLES AND STONES WERE THROWN. ACCORDING TO THE PUBLIC REPORTS AND HIS OWN STATEMENT, MANLEY ESCAPED UNHURT,CALMED

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HIS FOLLOWERS AND CONTINUED TO TOUR THE AREA FOR THE NEXT HOUR. ANOTHER SOURCE TOLD US THAT MANLEY HAD TO TAKE COVER IN A BUILDING.

2. (U) THE OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE DID CAUSE SEVERAL HOMES TO BE BROKEN INTO, SEVERAL WINDOWS TO BE BROKEN, AND A POLICEMAN TO BE SHOT. POLITICAL LEADERS INCLUDING THE PM AND OPPOSITION LEADER EDWARD SEAGA, HAVE APPEALED FOR CALM. AND THE POLICE HAVE RESTORED ORDER. THE GHETTO MOOD IS TENSE, HOWEVER.

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